## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF BUFFALO COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN RE: ORDER ON COURT	PROCEEDINGS	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-1	9 PANDEMIC	)	

NOW ON THIS 28th day of May, 2021, this matter comes before the judges of the County Court of Buffalo County on the Court's own motion to amend procedures that were utilized during the current state of emergency. Being fully advised in the premises, and in an effort to maintain judicial operations and access to the court system, while mitigating exposure to, and the spread of COVID-19, the Court finds as follows:

In conformity with the Chief Justice's administrative order of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the federal and state emergency declarations, the guidance from the CDC and the NEDHHS, and COVID-19 vaccinations have been made available for people of all ages who may want the vaccination, court procedures in the County Court of Buffalo County, Nebraska should be modified.

THEREFORE, the Courts orders the following amendments to the previous Orders as follows:

- 1. Use of masks or other face coverings in the courtroom and chambers will be optional unless a party or witness or attorney requests that masks be worn by all participants and the Court finds good cause to require facial coverings. The Court may also order facial coverings to be worn in the courtroom or chambers for good cause based upon public health considerations. Masks will continue to be made available for use in the courtroom and chambers.
- 2. All persons entering the judicial wing of the courthouse continue to be required to have their temperature taken. Any person with a temperature over 100 degrees or more or if someone refuses to have their temperature taken will be directed to leave the courthouse.
- 3. Social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons is encouraged.
- 4. Hand sanitizer and/or sanitary wipes shall continue to be provided in each courtroom for use by all who enter and wish to use them.
- 5. Use of technology and videoconferencing hearing options are allowed on a case by case basis and at the discretion of the Court for good cause shown and if advanced arrangements are made with Court staff.
- 6. All hearings for all case types, shall resume in their procedural form.

Any party or attorney may petition the Court and request a hearing for relief from this Order, or to object to the procedures set forth in this Order. Such petition shall be heard and addressed by the Court, on the record, as soon as practicable.

This Order may be modified, set aside or vacated by the Court, at any time, with or without notice.

JOHN P RADEMACHER COUNTY JUDGE GERALD R JORGENSEN COUNTY JUDGE